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DATABASE OF THE INDIAN PATENT CONTROLLER OFFICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding inaccessibility of the database of the Indian Patent Controller Office in its website;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make the database more simple, accessible and user-friendly?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): No written complaint has been received by the Patent Office. Some times it is possible that a temporary technical flaw in the retrieval system hampers access to the database. In the past, such flaws have been addressed on an immediate basis with the help of technical experts.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Patent Office Journal in which the patent applications are published is already available through the Patent Office website. Development of digitised patent database in simple, accessible and user-friendly format is a part of the on-going modernisation of the Intellectual Property Offices. Copies of documents relating to patent applications which are in public domain are available to the public on payment of prescribed fee.